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If anyone would be first,  
he must be last of all and  
servant of all.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September ,

(*Lutheran Service Book*, - )

Preservice Music *Hyfrydol* arr. C. Moglebust

Prelude *Bachofen* arr. J. Maunteht

**i** Hymn **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It** 594

Confession and Absolution

Catechism The Fifth Commandment

P. The Fifth Commandment

**C. You shall not murder.**

P. What does this mean?

**C. We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

Hymn **These Are the Holy Ten Commands** 581

These are the holy Ten Commands	“You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate;
God gave to us by Moses' hands	Your anger dare not dominate
When high on Sinai's mount he stood	Be kind and patient; help, defend,
Receiving them for our good.	And treat your foe as your friend.”
Have mercy, Lord!	Have mercy, Lord!

You have this Law to see therein	Our works cannot salvation gain;
That you have not been free from sin	They merit only endless pain.
But also that you clearly see	Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
How pure toward God life should be.	Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord!	Have mercy, Lord!

### Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. : - ; antiphon: Ps. :*

P. Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**C. Commit your way | to the LORD;\*  
trust in him, and | he will act.**

P. He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

C. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\*  
 fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
 over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!  
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P. Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
 and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility  
 and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed;  
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

🔪 Old Testament Jeremiah : - ESV

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."  
<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Gradual Ps. : , , alt. .

Epistle Reading James : - : ESV

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy

and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an

enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

## **i** Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark : -

ESV

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the

way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,

<sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

Creed

The Nicene Creed

**h** Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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Sermon	Taking Time to be Last	Mk. : , Jam. :
<b>i</b> Offertory	Create In Me a Clean Heart	
<b>h</b> Offering :	<i>Os Justi</i>	E. Daley
Translation:	The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip. (Psalm : - )	
:	Your Kingdom, O God, is My Glorious Treasure	J. Herl
<b>i</b> Prayer of the Church		

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer (*spoken by congregation*)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

<b>h</b> Hymns	<b>Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend</b>	<b>866</b>
	<b>One Thing's Needful</b>	<b>536</b>
	<i>(stanzas, , , )</i>	
Anthem ( : )	Lord Make Me to Know Thy Ways	W. Byrd
( : )	Christ, You are the Fullness	North Korean Melody

**i** Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving

Benediction

**Hymn** **Let Me Be Thine Forever** **689**

Postlude *In Gottes Namen fahren wir* J. G. Walther

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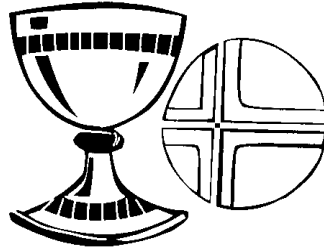
### Servants of the Word

Presiding Minister  
Preacher  
Organist  
Choir ( : )  
( : )  
Handbells  
Flute

Rev. Dr. Scott Murray  
Rev. Charles St.-Onge  
Cantor Janet Muth  
MLC Adult Choir  
MLS - Grades  
MLC Adult Handbell Choir  
Ms. Hilary Murray

### Communion Information

Memorial Lutheran Church is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and confess the same teachings. Members in good standing of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and those who belong to congregations that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are welcome to commune. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to distribute the holy body and blood of Christ only to those persons who are members of



our confessional fellowship ( Corinthians and ) lest the sacrament be taken for harm. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that for their spiritual welfare we practice closed communion. For those who do not receive the sacrament this day we ask that you continue to pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our Lord would through the truth of His Word destroy all the walls that yet divide us. If you desire to learn more about this teaching of the church, please speak with one of the pastors.

**Daily  
Lectionary**



Monday  
Neh. :- ; :- ; -  
Tim. :-

Tuesday  
Neh. :- ; :-  
Tim. :-

Wednesday  
Neh. :-  
Tim. :- :

Thursday  
Neh. : -  
Tim. :-

Friday  
Mal. : -  
Matt. :-

Saturday  
Mal. :- :  
Matt. :-

Sunday  
Mal. :- :  
Matt. :-

***Search the Scriptures***

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT: WEDNESDAYS UNTIL NOVEMBER 18**

: p.m.-	: p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship
: p.m. -	: p.m.	Classes <i>Formula of Concord led by Pastor Murray</i> <i>Defending the Faith led by Pastor St-Onge</i>
: p.m.		Vespers

To volunteer to provide a meal, please contact Brenda at the church office, . . . .

**THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE**

You may pre-order the NEW “The Lutheran Study Bible” at a substantially discounted price. Your order will be discounted - %, depending on the edition being purchased. This “Pre-Publication” pricing is only valid for orders placed before October , . For more information on the Bible and available accessories, please visit the CHP website at [cph.org/lutheranbible](http://cph.org/lutheranbible). To place an order for your preferred edition, you may come to our information booth between Sunday Worship services and sign-up. At our booth, you will find knowledgeable people to answer your questions and assist you with your selection.

**MINI “HIGHER THINGS” CONFERENCE**

Living Word Lutheran Church, The Woodlands, Tx

Saturday, September , : : a.m.— : p.m. (Lunch provided—free will offering)

This “Higher Things for a Day” will feature catechesis from local pastors, including Pastor Day and Pastor St-Onge, teaching on subjects they taught at past Higher Things conferences. And you’ll worship using services from the *Lutheran Service Book*, just like you would at a Higher Things conference. Bring your youth, parents, elders, youth leaders and pastors and find out what Higher Things is all about! Pastor Murray is preaching the opening service.

**RSVP:** Lynea Sander - . . . r [lynealecia@higherthings.org](mailto:lynealecia@higherthings.org)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

**WELCOME** - In the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we welcome you. We encourage our visitors to worship with us often and to let us know if we can be of service. If you do not have a church home, the pastors will be happy to talk to you about membership here at Memorial. Please sign our Rite of Friendship booklet prior to leaving this morning so we may acknowledge your presence, and also pick up one of our visitor information packets on the east narthex wall table.

**THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS** that grace our chancel are given to the glory of God by Greg Koch in memory of his parents, Sue and George Koch. Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Molly Salazar in thankfulness to God for a loving husband, Alberto Salazar on his birthday, September .

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets from : a.m. to : a.m. High School Class meets in the youth room with Pastor St-Onge. Middle School Class meets in the church library with Mr. Jeffers. Elementary School Classes ( st- th grades) meet in the Music Suite with Cantor Muth for Sunday School Choir. Parents may join their children for minutes of choir practice. Students will be picked up by their teacher and, after lessons, will be dismissed at : a.m. to the Commons. **NOTE:** Please arrive before or promptly at : a.m. to not

miss or interrupt choir practice. Pre-school age children (and Kindergartners) meet in room in the Sunday School hallway for opening with Mrs. Lamberson. Children follow their teachers to class and may be picked up in the Sunday School hallway promptly at : a.m. **NOTE:** Please arrive on time so teachers attending late service may clean up and arrive on time for church. Two year olds, bring a parent and join Ms. Patti in Room to learn all the wonderful truths about Jesus and His love for you.

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** "The Wisdom of Solomon" serves as the focus of the Sunday School lesson for today. Solomon, though wise, needed what we and all sinners need: Christ, Wisdom Himself, and the forgiveness He brings. *Consider discussing, "Tell me an example of Solomon's wisdom. How has God shown you His wisdom?"*

**JR. CONFIRMATION** meets today from : p.m. to : p.m. in the church library.

**THE CHURCH NURSERY** is located in the blue nursery room in the building north of the sanctuary. Do not bring your child to the nursery if he/she has had a fever within the last hours, has a cough or might be contagious.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Life Renewed is taught by Pastor Day, Paul Lodholz

and Albert Allen and meets in the school gym at 8:00 a.m. today.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION** meets today at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Murray by email at [smurray@mlchouston.org](mailto:smurray@mlchouston.org), for questions regarding the class or to register for the next class beginning January 10.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. The class is studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

**BAGELS AND BIBLE STUDY** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**HANDBELL AND ADULT CHOIRS:** Handbell Choir meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and the Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Call Cantor Muth, 281.463.1234, if you are interested in joining.

**MEMORIAL MOMENTS** is a daily devotion written and distributed by Pr. Murray. To join the mailing list, log on to [www.memorialmoments.org](http://www.memorialmoments.org) and put your email address in the sign-up box provided.

**DYING TO LIVE:** Join Pr. Murray Sundays on KKHT 100.5 FM at 10:00 a.m. Programs are available on demand at: [www.mlchouston.org](http://www.mlchouston.org) and by podcast at iTunes.

**WORSHIP TIPS:** The church's service of word and sacraments is an experience

that is radically different from every other communal experience. The church service is not (and should not be) entertainment, like the "Tonight Show." It will not (and should not) reinforce our cultural prejudices. So the habits we gain from our entertainment culture should not be imported into the church's activity and life, but be resisted. We also need to be concerned about our fellow worshippers and their ability to concentrate on the Word of the Lord. A suggestion to what our demeanor should be during church services is listed below. The ushers, elders, pastors, and all your fellow believers appreciate your longstanding commitment for dignified and faithful services here at Memorial Lutheran Church and School.

**Do not remain in the narthex to visit with your friends or let children run around and play during the service. We are in church to hear God speak not to speak with our friends. Also, the narthex is not soundproof. The sound goes into the nave and up the stairways into the balcony. Please cooperate with an usher if he asks you to return to the nave.**

**STEWARDSHIP EVERY SUNDAY:** Take care of yourself. Don't let the world pollute your thinking. Keep moral garbage out of your diet. Keep your spirit pure. This is good advice for Christian

stewards. We are to be constantly evaluating our relationship to God and to others, especially to others who hold a common faith in the Lord. God's Word serves as a mirror into which we can peer to examine ourselves and how we manage our lives for the Lord. We can then make the proper adjustments. God will bless such changes, our reading says. It also says that we are not only to know what we are to do, or to plan our actions, but to actually do them. For Christian stewards, the joy is in the doing, in the giving, in the serving. May your life always be one of service to God, the church and others.

PASTOR ST-ONGE'S BLOG can be found at [houstonbelief.com](http://houstonbelief.com). Click on blogs and look for Lutherant and his picture. Or go to [www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html](http://www.chron.com/channel/houstonbelief/commons/lutherant.html)

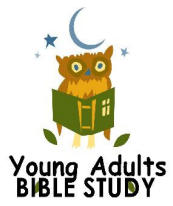
LIFE QUOTES: "Telling men and women to keep sex sacred—to save sex for marriage and then remain faithful—is telling them to love one another deeply with their whole hearts. Most HIV infections in Africa are spread by sex outside of marriage: casual sex and infidelity. The solution is faithful love." *The Rev. Sam. L. Ruteikara, co-chair of Uganda's National AIDS-Prevention Committee.* This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans for Life-  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

TRUTH ALIVE! RADIO: Sunday nights at : p.m. on . FM (The Word-KKHT). Join Pr. Dave Schultz and his guest as they discuss the biblical truth. Call . . . with your comments or questions.

**ANNUAL TELL MEETING—SEPTEMBER 26**  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Bethel Lane, Bryan, Tx  
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: a.m. Fellowship Continental Breakfast  
: a.m. to : p.m. Meeting  
(lunch provided)

**ANNUAL ENCHILADA DINNER**  
San Pedro Lutheran Church  
Houston Ave.  
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September ,  
: a.m. to : p.m.  
Adults: . Child: .

**YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY RALLY -**  
**"JESUS WILL BE THERE, WILL YOU?"**  
Young Adults with MLC Houston  
Tuesdays from : p.m. to : p.m.  
at Brasil's Café (Westheimer & Dunlavy)  
Hosted by Kristin Coyle with Pastor St-Onge.  
For information email Pastor St-Onge at [cstonge@mlchouston.org](mailto:cstonge@mlchouston.org)





**2ND ANNUAL MLC THANKSGIVING  
DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
Sunday, September , ( : p.m.)

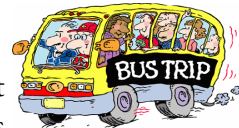
There will be a brief meeting held in the church library to discuss the Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to join us. If you have any questions you may call Arlene or Wayne Murray at . . .

**MEN'S RETREAT: OCTOBER 16-18** - Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Tx  
Speaker: Dr. Hal Senkbeil on "Equipped to Serve"  
See September newsletter for more information.  
Pick-up a brochure today in the narthex.

**HBU PRESENTS: SOLI DEO GLORIA**

Special exhibit featuring the personal, hand-annotated Bible of Johann Sebastian Bach, August - October . Monday-Saturday from : a.m. to : p.m., Fondren, . . .

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH THE PEP CLUB!  
(THOSE 50+)**



Please join us for a wonderful dinner at the Monument Inn Restaurant on Monday, October , . The bus departs the church at : p.m. Please contact Robert & Florence Brimberry at . - or Carol & Charlie Mitschke at . . for further information.



**NEW MLC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions**

We gather every Saturday for breakfast at : a.m. followed by study from : a.m. to : a.m. Breakfast and study will be held in the MLC youth room. For more information, please contact Pastor Day in the school office at [revday@mlchouston.org](mailto:revday@mlchouston.org).




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## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 20 - 27

<b>TODAY:</b>	:	Classes
:	:	Vespers
:	:	<b>THURSDAY:</b>
:	:	English Conv. & Pronunciation
:	:	Adult Handbell practice
:	:	Adult Choir practice
:	:	<b>FRIDAY:</b>
:	:	English for Beginners
<b>MONDAY:</b>	:	<b>SATURDAY:</b>
:	:	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
:	:	Men's Bible Study Class
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	:	Higher Things Mini Conference
:	:	Youth Sabbath
:	:	<b>SUNDAY:</b>
:	:	Divine Service
:	:	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School,
:	:	Adult Instruction
:	:	Divine Service
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	:	Nicaragua Picture Party
:	:	Jr. Confirmation
:	:	MLC Basketball
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Attendance: September :		Through September :
Offering received September :		Year-to-date Budgeted Offerings: ,
,		Year-to-date Actual Offerings: ,
		Amount above/(below) Budget: ( , )

<b>ELDERS ON DUTY</b>		<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	
<b>Early:</b> Tim Taylor	<b>Late:</b> Robert Burmeister	<b>Early:</b> Mary Beth Ehrke	<b>Late:</b> Debbie Allen
John Threet	Greg Renzelman		Dorothy Williamson
<b>USHERS ON DUTY</b>		<b>ACOLYTES ON DUTY</b>	
<b>Early:</b> Charles Corbin	<b>Late:</b> Jason Ogden	<b>Early:</b> Andrew Coulter	<b>Late:</b> Isobo Amaso
Steve Emshoff	David Payne		
Neil Matthys	David Dasari		
	Bill Bahr		